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LETTER DATED 1 OCTOBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to letters dated 26 August 1996 (S/1996/692 and S/1996/693) and 11 September 1996 (S/1996/741) from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, and the letter dated 20 September 1996 from the Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of September (S/1996/769), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

The Islamic Republic of Iran emphasizes its sovereignty over the Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb in the Persian Gulf, and rejects any claim to the contrary. Furthermore, the measures undertaken by the islamic Republic of Iran have been in exercise of its sovereign rights and in accordance with 1971 arrangements and any claim to the contrary is without foundation.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always pursued a policy of friendship and good-neighbourliness with all its neighbours. In this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to be prepared to resolve any misunderstandings between Iran and the United Arab Emirates through bilateral dialogue and negotiations on the basis of the existing agreements.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
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